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Public Act No. 16-16

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF HOUSING DISCRIMINATION AND FAIR HOUSING LAWS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) On or before July 1, 2016, the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities shall create a one-page disclosure form, written in plain language and in an easily readable and understandable format, containing information on housing discrimination and federal and state fair housing laws, and make such disclosure form available to the public on the Internet web site for the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. Said commission shall review and update this disclosure form as necessary.

(b) Commencing sixty days after the date on which the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities makes a disclosure form available pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, each person who offers a residential property containing two or more units in the state for sale, exchange or for lease with option to buy shall attach a photocopy, duplicate original, facsimile transmission or other exact reproduction or duplicate of such disclosure form, signed by the prospective purchaser, to any purchase agreement, option or lease containing a purchase option, at the time of closing.

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(c) Failure on the part of the person who offers the property for sale, exchange or lease with option to buy to attach the disclosure form required by subsection (b) of this section shall not void an otherwise valid purchase agreement, option or lease containing a purchase option.

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